

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		DATE: March 14, 2005
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. Application No. (if known): <b>10/527816</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: <b>PCT/JP2004/017386</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: <b>November 24, 2004</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: <b>March 31, 2004</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION: <b>JOINT BOOT</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: <b>Takenori OHSHITA et al.</b>		
Applicant hereby submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <u>XX</u> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li><li>2. <u>  </u> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li><li>3. <u>XX</u> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li><li>4. <u>XX</u> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li><li>5. <u>XX</u> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <u>  </u> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li><li>b. <u>XX</u> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li><li>c. <u>  </u> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</li></ol></li><li>6. <u>XX</u> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <u>XX</u> is attached hereto.</li><li>b. <u>  </u> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li></ol></li><li>7. <u>XX</u> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <u>  </u> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li><li>b. <u>  </u> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li><li>c. <u>  </u> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li><li>d. <u>XX</u> have not been made and will not be made.</li></ol></li><li>8. <u>  </u> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li><li>9. <u>XX</u> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li><li>10. <u>  </u> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li></ol>		
ITEMS 11. TO 20. BELOW CONCERN OTHER DOCUMENT(S) OR INFORMATION INCLUDED:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>11. <u>XX</u> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 together with the international search report, PTO/SB/08 and 6 docs.</li><li>12. <u>XX</u> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. ASSIGNEE NAME AND ADDRESS: <b>Toyo Tire &amp; Rubber Co., Ltd., Osaka-shi, Japan</b> Please publish the assignee data with the application.</li><li>13. <u>XX</u> A preliminary amendment.</li><li>14. <u>  </u> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76</li><li>15. <u>  </u> A substitute specification.</li><li>16. <u>  </u> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</li><li>17. <u>  </u> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825.</li><li>18. <u>  </u> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li><li>19. <u>  </u> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li><li>20. <u>XX</u> Other items or information: 7 sheets of drawings.</li></ol>		

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21. <u>XX</u> The following fees are submitted:  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>           Basic National Stage Fee            National Stage Search Fee            National Stage Examination Fee            ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =         </div> <div>           \$ 300.00            \$ 500.00            \$ 200.00            \$ 1,000.00         </div> </div>	CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
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Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).			
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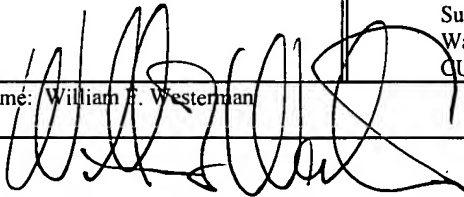
  

CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
TOTAL	13 -20 =		X \$ 50.00		
INDEPENDENT	2 - 3 =		X \$ 200.00		
Multiple dependent claims(s) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00		
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 1,000.00	
National Stage Application Size Fee-for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100 sheets \$ 250.00.					
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).					
SUBTOTAL =				\$ 1,000.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). +					
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$ 1,000.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +				\$ 40.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$ 1,040.00	
				Amount to be:	
				refunded	\$
				charged	\$

a. <u>XX</u> A check in the amount of <b>\$1,040.00</b> to cover the above fees is enclosed. (\$300.00 for basic national stage fee; \$500.00 for national stage search fee; \$200.00 for national stage examination fee and \$40.00 for the assignment recordation fee).  b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-2866 in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees. (A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.)  c. <u>XX</u> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.	NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed to request that the application be restored to pending status.
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